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Dear Hal:

I thought you'd be interested in a few recent events which I've learned about. I did intend to send you some zeroxed items but I simply can't get to a zerox machine so I'll postpone sending you the zeroxed items in my next letter.

I guess the most important news for now is that on Tuesday, September 17th the ARRB will be holding hearings IN LOS ANGELES & several will testify. After talking it over with a friend of mine (Rex Bean) who is also quite knowledgeable about the assassination, we both decided to attend the hearings. Although we'll be going down separately we'll both go to the hearings in a rental car which he'll meet me with at the airport on Tuesday morning on September 17th.

After speaking with several individuals I've learned who it is who will be testifying on the September 17th.

I'll list the names I know of but there may well be others who will also speak.

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These are the six names I've learned who will be testifying (I'll know the full agenda, of course, when I attend the hearings). The six are:

(1) OLIVER STONE (if his schedules allows it).
(2) WESLEY J. LIEBELER
(3) DAVID LIFTON
(4) DAVID BELIN
(5) BOB TANNENBAUM
(6) JIM DiEUGENIO.

I know nothing about what each will speak on. Of course, a transcript will be made of the speakers but this will most likely be released at a later date. I'll try to obtain a copy when it is available & send you a copy.

In the meantime I'll take good notes about what transpires and fill you in after I return from L.A.

In speaking to someone in L.A. on the phone for what it is worth, I'll relate what he told me about the upcoming hearing & also the ARRB. Since this is hearsay & I didn't hear it from the original sources themselves you'll have to judge for yourself the reliability of the accounts. However, my source is and has been reliable in the past and I have no reason to doubt his allegations. They are, as follows:

(1) The first of these is that according to Tom Samoulek (of the ARRB) DAVID BELIN has been "pestering" the ARRB to appear before them & provide testimony. Samoulek (who, I believe, is the ARRB archivist) claims that Belin persistently either called by phone or wrote

letters to the ARRB and possibly this is the reason time is being granted by the ARRB to let him speak. (Whether Belin is representing his own interests or someone else's is open to conjecture but on that score I have no leads. Perhaps by hearing what he testifies to may provide the necessary clues).

(2) The other account I have is highly speculative & should be considered in this light. My source was in touch with author JOHN LOFTUS whom I'm sure you've heard of. (If I'm not mistaken at one time both Loftus and DAVID Marwell of the ARRB once worked together). Anyway Loftus told my source that he believes Marwell to be a "point man" for the ARRB. According to Loftus Marwell pops up all over the place in different situations and deflects attention from important concerns — exactly what one would expect from a "point man". So it is no wonder, he shows up as an Executive director for the ARRB. One account given to me by my source (whether it came from Loftus or my source) is that recently Marwell got in touch with the Secret Service and "discussed" certain things. Then, one week later, as my source indicated some 325 Secret Service documents turn out to be "no longer available".

There is a curious little footnote to

the Loftus account that I should add here.

There is a certain restaurant I usually eat at one Friday evenings. I dine there with two friends of mine, one of whom is intensely interested in the assassination. In fact he's read some of your books. One evening about two years ago ~~the~~ the three of us were discussing the case and someone overheard us & came over to our table & sat down & said he agreed with virtually everything we said. He then (without giving his last name away) said that his father was pretty high up in the CIA & had discussed the case with him. ~~He~~ left & didn't give his name out

Then about a year or so later a friend of mine who knows of my interest in the case called me & said he had been talking to a co-worker (in the Longshoremans Union) who told this friend who called me that he once was in a restaurant & talked to a guy who "seemed to know a lot" about the case. My friend gave me the fellow's last name & it turned out to be = LOFTUS! This "LOFTUS" told my friend he would be interested in speaking to me again. I do have his name in my files but never followed it up. I really should though.

I don't know if the LOFTUS I met in a restaurant is related to the JOHN LOFTUS (writer). Perhaps they are but I do not know.

When I get back from L.A. I think I ought to look into this. I'll let you know if I do.

~~Hope~~ Hope everything otherwise is OK. I'll be writing you soon again.

Best,

Hal